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CLAIMS

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- 5 1. A container (1) comprising a porous wall structure having on its inner and outer surfaces respective impermeable, fluid barrier film layers (15,18) and being defined by a base wall (12), a continuous side-wall (13) upstanding therefrom and a peripheral rim (14) extending outwardly of the side-wall (13), wherein a portion of the wall structure defines an interior space (100) therein, which space (100) is sealed (17) from the remainder of the wall structure in a fluid tight manner between the inner and outer fluid barrier film layers (15,18) across the thickness of the wall structure and is at least partially filled by a material from which the wall structure is made, whereby, in use of the container (1), any fluid absorbed into the space (100) is retained therein and prevented from migrating into the remainder of the interior thickness of the wall structure.
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- 15 2. A container (1) according to claim 1, wherein the material from which the container wall structure is made is a cellular material, preferably of open cell structure.
- 20 3. A container (1) according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the so-defined interior space (100) is provided in the base wall (12) of the container wall structure.
- 25 4. A container (1) according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the inner fluid barrier film layer (15), at least in the region of the space (100), is perforated.
5. A container (1) according to any preceding claim, wherein the material is an absorbent material.

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6. A container (1) according to any of claims, 1, 2, 4 and 5, wherein the interior space-defining seal (17) is in the rim (14) of the wall structure.
- 5 7. A container (1) according to any preceding claim, which is closed from the atmosphere by an impervious gas barrier film (19) sealed to the peripheral rim (14) of the wall structure.
8. A container (1) according to claim 7 when dependent upon claim 6, wherein the gas barrier film (19) and space-defining seal (17) are
10 coterminous
9. A container (1) according to claim 8, wherein said coterminous seals (17,19) are integral and unitarily formed and comprise an ultrasonic weld.
- 15 10. A container (1) according to an preceding claim wherein the space (100) is completely filled by the material from which the wall structure is made.